

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2006/04/20 : CIA-RDP82-00457R015000340002-0

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Troops Departing from Templin and General Information from Camp Kannenburg

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED

28 October 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

REFERENCE COPY

DO NOT CIRCULATE

1. During the period from 21 September until 4 October 1952, the following troops and materiel from Camps Hannelspring and Kannenburg were loaded at the Templin (N 54/U 81) railroad station:

At 5 p.m. on 21 September: tanks and SP guns, including 18 JS tanks, 5 JSU-152s, 9 T-34s, 7 trucks, 2 field kitchens, 1 truck with a pontoon and 1 ambulance.

On 22 September: trucks with billeting equipment [REDACTED] were loaded throughout the day. 25X1

After 4 p.m. on 24 September: 5 x 76.2-mm field guns, about 1,000 ammunition boxes with the inscription 3L T PM L and truck C 2-31-63. 25X1

At 4 p.m. on 25 September: 18 T-34/85 tanks and several trucks [REDACTED]

From 6:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on 26 September: 14 JS-3 tanks and trucks [REDACTED]

From 12 a.m. on 26 September until 1:45 p.m. on 27 September: 22 JSU-122s and 4 x 76-mm AA guns.

At 6:20 p.m. on 27 September: 14 SP guns with a canvas-covered panel on top of the front part of the turret, 10 trucks, 12 x 76-mm AA guns and 1 BA-64 armored scout car.

At 9 a.m. on 3 October: 24 trucks with officers and EM, with about 20 soldiers on each car. [REDACTED] 25X1

At 8:30 a.m. on 4 October: 18 x 76.2-mm field guns.

2. At 9 a.m. on 4 October, 14 SP guns were loaded at the Vogelsang railroad station.

[REDACTED] all shipments loaded in Templin and Vogelsang were bound for Bad Freienwalde, Eberswalde and Bernau. (1)

3. Between 17 September and 3 October, [REDACTED] at the Templin troop training grounds [REDACTED] 25X1

Camp Kannenburg quartered units from Bernau, Camp Vogelsang units from Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde and Camp Burgwall units from Prenzlau. The central trading base where PX articles for the troops are issued is located in Eberswalde-Lisenspalterei. Units drawing PX supplies there included elements from Fuerstenwalde, Oranienburg, Prenzlau, Eberswalde and Bernau. Major Nikiforov (fnu) was identified as chief of supply and Senior Lieutenant Lapzokin (fnu) as deputy supply chief in Camp Kannenburg. Major Kenilitse (fnu) was chief of the motor vehicle repair shop in this camp. Vanya Yunokhev, a Russian civilian, was chief of the base (sic) in Camp

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

25X1

- 2 -

Kannenburg where 57 issuing points for food ration supply and articles of clothing were observed. On 17 or 18 September, a final troop review was held by the general in command in the area of the summer camp. The day of the review was started with an inspection of the quarters and supply installations. The review in the afternoon lasted 2 to 3 hours. Infantry, and signal units marched passed the reviewing stand in files of four. No motorized columns were seen during the parade. The units started departing to their winter quarters during the following days. The bulk of the troops had left Camp Kannenburg on 28 September, with only a rear unit with a ration strength of 500 men remaining. The units from Oranienburg, Eberswalde and Prenzlau were supplied from the Bernau supply center which had its office on the market square, Bernau. Sixty percent of the supplies arriving in Bernau were issued there, and the remaining 40 percent was for units in Werneuchen and Bad Freienwalde. The headquarters of the units in Bernau post was housed in a barracks installation on Zeparnicker Strasse. (2)

4. At the beginning of October, 30 barracks buildings were under construction between Vogelsang and Hammelspring. The special construction bureau at Eberswalde was in charge of the building project. (3)

5.

Comments.

- (1) The loadings which were primarily made by headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Meck Army including elements of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) and elements of the 6th Gds Meck Div as well as the unloadings at the military posts are known from numerous reports. The loadings at the Templin railroad station on 3 and 4 October were presumably made by troops of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) and that at the Vogelsang railroad station on 4 October presumably by a tank unit of the 25th Tank Div. loadings of elements of the Fourth Gds Meck Army were observed in Templin on 2 and 4 October. The shipments were dispatched to the area southeast of Rathenow where components of the army had conducted field exercises from 23 to 26 September 1952. See
- (2) The statements on the distribution of units on the Templin troop training grounds is in fairly close agreement with the conclusions drawn from previous reports. Camp Kannenburg quarters units of the 6th Gds Meck Div; Camp Hammelspring quarters headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Meck Army and elements of the 6th Gds Meck Div, and Camp Vogelsang quarters units of the 25th Tank Div. The camp referred to as Camp Vogelsang is believed to actually have been Camp Hammelspring and that referred to as Camp Burgwall actually to have been Camp Vogelsang. For the departure of units from Camp Kannenburg, see Comment (1). The remaining of guard units corresponds with previous practice. Major Nikiforov (finu) was reported to have been supply officer in Camp Hammelspring.
- (3) building sites for the construction of barracks installations were located west of the Vogelsang railroad station and near Kannenburg. See This is the first information that construction has already begun. Hitherto, it had been believed that construction had not yet started due to the shortage of workers.

SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY